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Attorney Docket No.: 2003\_1822A

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Title: SUBSTRATE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND SUBSTRATE  
PROCESSING METHOD

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See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

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2.  Small Entity Status is hereby asserted.

3.  Specification  
(preferred arrangement set forth below)
- Descriptive title of the Invention
  - Cross References to Related Applications
  - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
  - Reference to Sequence Listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix.

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- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4.  Drawing(s) (35 USC 113)

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5.  Oath or Declaration

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  - a.2.  Unexecuted
  - b.  Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))  
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
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Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named  
in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6.  Application Data Sheet (see 37 CFR 1.76)

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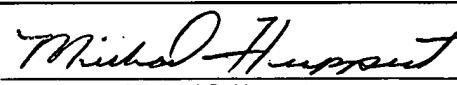
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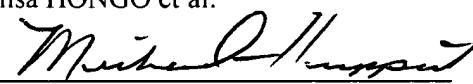
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Sir:

Enclosed is a new patent application entitled "SUBSTRATE PROCESSING APPARATUS AND SUBSTRATE PROCESSING METHOD". This application is submitted in the Japanese language under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.52(d).

Furthermore, the present application is submitted under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(b), and the application as filed does not include an executed declaration. However, accompanying the application is an unexecuted declaration listing the inventor information.

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